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SUBJ: PROPOSED MARSHALL FUND CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

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1. ALTHOUGH PROPOSED CONFERENCE COORDINATOR JOAO CRAVINHO IS FRIENDLY TO EMBASSY, HE WOULD NOT BE OUR CHOICE AS CONFERENCE COORDINATOR. CRAVINHO IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE NON-COMMUNIST BUT MARXIST-INSPIRED GIS, WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS IS A STRONG ADVOCATE OF SOCIALIST-COMMUNIST COOPERATION. HIS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL IDEAS ARE LIKELY TO SCARE OFF POTENTIAL INVESTORS.

2. WE WOULD STRONGLY REPEAT STRONGLY OPPOSE AN INVITATION TO MARIO MURTEIRA. MURTEIRA IS UNFRIENDLY, PLAYED A PRO-COMMUNIST ROLE IN THE GONCALVES DAYS, AND MUST TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DISASTROUS CONDITION OF PORTUGAL'S ECONOMY TODAY. ANYTHING THAT LEGITIMIZES HIM WILL BE CONTRARY TO U.S. AND WESTERN INTERESTS.
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